

**GLASTONBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017**

The Glastonbury Town Council with Town Manager, Richard J. Johnson, in attendance, held a Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, Connecticut.

**1. Roll Call**

***Council Members***

Dr. Stewart Beckett III, Chairman  
Mr. Whit C. Osgood, Vice Chairman *{excused}*  
Mrs. Jill Barry  
Ms. Karen Boisvert  
Mr. Lawrence J. Byar  
Mr. Kurt P. Cavanaugh  
Mr. William T. Finn  
Mr. Thomas P. Gullotta  
Mrs. Cara T. Keefe

**(a) Pledge of Allegiance.**

***led by Chairman Beckett***

**2. Public Comment.**

**(a) Resolution in honor of National Poetry Month – April 2017.**

Mr. Finn read the proclamation in honor of National Poetry Month. Mrs. Alexandrina Sergio, Glastonbury Poet Laureate, accepted the proclamation. She said that congratulations should also go to the Glastonbury Town Council and Town of Glastonbury for their support of the arts and poetry. She expressed appreciation for the encouragement. She presented copies of a collection of the works of local Poet Laureates to Ellen Pratt of East Glastonbury Library, Kathleen Capra of South Glastonbury Library and Barbara Bailey of Welles-Turner Memorial Library. She said she couldn't thank the libraries enough for their support particularly Barbara of WTML. Chairman Beckett said Sandy was certainly a credit to the community and thanked her for all the great programs.

***Ms. Candice Maningas of 202 Indian Hill Trail*** said she was a nurse and the chair of the Environment Subcommittee of Glastonbury's T.A.L.K. group. She expressed concern about the potential for fracking waste being brought into Glastonbury suggesting the Council propose and pass an ordinance. She said the waste is toxic and radioactive causing cancers, developmental issues and organ issues and the radioactivity has a life of 4000 years. She urged the Council to ban contractors bringing it in to town and storing it on any property. She said they hope for a state law

but even so, they urged the Council to pass something more comprehensive. She noted that states who have accepted the waste with rules on its handling have still suffered from spills. She said that they believe this is non-partisan with 13 towns having passed it already and 30 others considering it. She asked Glastonbury to do their part and pass the ordinance.

**Ms. Kristi Vitelli of 9 Martin Terrace** urged the Town Council to refer the fracking ordinance to the Ordinance Review Committee. She spoke of her experience as an environmental lawyer and the contamination cases she tried some leaving ghost towns because clean-up was not possible. She spoke to the impact to Glastonbury meaning no more bald eagles, herons, fish, crew boats or even a reason to have a boathouse. She asked the Town Council not to let Glastonbury suffer any contamination.

**Ms. Judith Crystal of 91 Knob Hill** said that some feel the solution is to use the waste to spray on the roads. She said that many residents are on wells in town which could be very problematic. She said that the salt levels in her well have spiked when road salt had been applied by the RI based contractor. She spoke to the carcinogens in fracking waste such as arsenic and radium 26 that are impossible to mitigate and take thousands of years to break down. She urged the town to ban fracking waste brought or stored in town.

**Ms. Audrey Beatty of 2025 New London Turnpike** said that while the four of them are testifying from the environmental committee of T.A.L.K., there are many more here and supportive of their efforts (several raised their hands). She said that the state bill doesn't go far enough to protect residents and urged the Council to pass the ordinance. She said that there is no risk in passing the ordinance but so much to lose by allowing fracking waste into town.

**Mr. William Marut of 264 Carriage Drive** endorsed what the members of T.A.L.K. have said before him. He reiterated that if they are wrong, no big deal, but if they are right and fracking waste is allowed into town, there could be a disaster.

**3. Special Reports.**

*None*

**4. Old Business.**

**(a) Discussion concerning proposal for town purchase of streetlights.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his memo to the Council on the topic dated April 13, 2017, noting a cost of about \$900,000, an annual savings of \$142,000 and an approximate 9-year payback conservatively. He said he does think it has merit noting that if the Council supports the idea, they would also have to determine how to fund it, cash or bond. Chairman Beckett said that another community did it but didn't purchase all the lights. Mr. Johnson said that if they go forward, they would perform an audit to determine if any are not needed or desired. Chairman Beckett said that he would consider it but it is a long payback and the costs have gone up considerably. Mr. Johnson noted his estimates are conservative.

Mr. Byar said that he saw no reason why they shouldn't move it forward but noted that the age of some of the phone polls means they are on the downside of their life and will be \$3-\$5K to replace. Mr. Gullotta agreed to continue to explore the idea and questioned if they would have the opportunity to enhance free internet. Mr. Johnson said that they could consider additional technology down the line. Mr. Finn questioned if given the rapid change in technology, the fixture heads would be outdated in ten years. Mr. Byar added for example they have to entirely retrofit the new fixtures because instead of 7-pin, it is USB. Ms. Sharon Tierney of Graybar said that she believed that LED would still be the technology in 10 years. Mrs. Barry said it was a great project questioning if there were any impact to residents. Ms. Tierney said there would be no change to the power supply to homes.

**5. New Business.** *None*

**6. Consent Calendar.**

**(a) Action to schedule public hearing for a Major Amendment – Minnechaug Golf Course – Village at Minnechaug PAD.**

**(b) Action on residential lease renewal of town-owned property at 35 Bell Street.**

***Motion By:*** Mr. Cavanaugh

***Seconded By:*** Mr. Gullotta

**a. The Village of Minnechaug Planned Area of Development (PAD).**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council (Zoning Authority) hereby schedules a public hearing for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, 2155 Main Street, Glastonbury, to consider a Major Amendment – Village of Minnechaug Planned Area of Development, to amend operating hours for the restaurant from 10:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday to 11:00 p.m., and allow for full service alcohol in lieu of the current beer and wine approval.

**b. Residential Lease – 35 Bell Street.**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves a one (1) year extension in the residential lease for town-owned property at 35 Bell Street, effective May 2017 through May 2018, as described in a report by the Town Manager dated April 14, 2017.

***Result:*** Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}.

**7. Town Manager's Report.**

Mr. Johnson reviewed his report to the Council dated April 13, 2017, noting it included his expense report,

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby accepts the Town Manager's Expense Report for the months January through March, 2017.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {8-0-0}

Mr. Cavanaugh noted the public speaker from Knob Hill and asked if she was confused with town highway forces. Mr. Johnson was uncertain given they don't hire contractors for plowing. Mr. Byar asked what they treat the roads with and Mr. Johnson said a brine solution but he would be certain to check the suppliers. Mr. Gullotta expressed concern about the potential for the town to have spread material that leached into a well and then commented on an article about the use of salt on roads potentially contaminating all fresh water by 2050 making it unsuitable for drinking or supporting life. Chairman Beckett thanked the Police Department for moving forward on the 24 - our drop box for prescription drugs particularly in light of the opioid epidemic.

## **8. Committee Reports.**

### **(a) Chairman's Report.**

Chairman Beckett said he had nothing from CRCOG since the last report.

### **(b) Policy & Ordinance Review Committee status report.**

- **Tobacco Free and Smoke Free Ordinance.**

Mr. Byar said that they had a brief meeting before this full Council meeting and gave Mr. Johnson some feedback. He continued saying that Mr. Johnson would come back with some alternatives.

*Ms. Boisvert left the meeting at 7:52pm*

## **9. Communications.**

### **(a) Letter from CT Siting Council regarding modifications to existing telecommunication facility at 175 Dickinson Road.**

### **(b) Letter from Marshall Berdan regarding 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first Memorial Day on May 30, 2018.**

### **(c) Letter from CT Siting Council regarding construction of a fuel cell and battery storage facility at the Home Depot Building, 115 Putnam Boulevard.**

## **10. Minutes**

### **(a) Minutes of March 15, 2017 Special Meeting.**

(b) **Minutes of March 22, 2017 Final Budget Hearing.**

(b) **Minutes of March 28, 2017 Regular Meeting.**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby approves the minutes as submitted for the special meeting held March 15, 2017, the final budget hearing held March 22, 2017, and the regular meeting held March 28, 2017.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}

**11. Appointments and Resignations.**

(a) **Appointment of Richard Bowden to the Incorporators of the Free Academy to fill the unexpired term of Richard Mihm (R-2019).**

(c) **Appointment of Brooke Oppenheimer as an Alternate member of the Ethics Commission (U-2017).**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby appoints Richard Bowden to the Incorporators of the Free Academy to fill the unexpired term of Richard Mihm (R-2019) and Brooke Oppenheimer as an Alternate member of the Ethics Commission (U-2017).

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}

**12. Executive Session.**

*None*

(a) **Potential property acquisition.**

**13. Adjournment**

**Motion By:** Mr. Cavanaugh

**Seconded By:** Mr. Gullotta

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Glastonbury Town Council hereby adjourns their regular meeting of April 18, 2017, at 7:57 pm.

**Result:** Motion passes unanimously {7-0-0}.

**Respectfully submitted,**

***Kimberly Meanix Miller***

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Recording Clerk

***Stewart Beckett III***

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Chairman